GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation for various subsidiary companies of the Steel Authority of India Limited particularly, Bokaro Steel Plant has been reduced to execute community development and other development works;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the norms fixed for allocation of funds for community development and other development works to Bokaro Steel Limited and various other subsidiary companies of the Steel Authority of India;

(d) the amount allocated for various developmental works to various subsidiary companies of Steel Authority of India during each of the last three years and current year;

(e) whether the Government have reviewed the developmental works undertaken by the above subsidiary companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Due to financial constraints, allocation on community development by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) to its plants/units including Bokaro Steel Plant(BSL) has been reduced.SAIL does not allocate funds to its subsidiary companies for execution of community development works.

(c) The funds are allocated by SAIL`s Corporate Office to its plants/units according to theirneeds. The developmental works are undertaken in the villages falling within the radius of 8 to 16 kms of the plant/unit. Preference is given to schemes relating to water supply, construction of approach roads, bridges/culverts, school buildings, cultural halls, rural health facilities and socio-cultural activities. People`s representatives of the area are consulted before execution of various schemes and the same are handed over to District Administration/Village Panchayat immediately after completion of the project.

(d) As SAIL does not allocate funds to its subsidiary companies, the question does not arise.

(e) & (f): The Government does not review peripheral development works undertaken by the steel plants/subsidiaries of SAIL.